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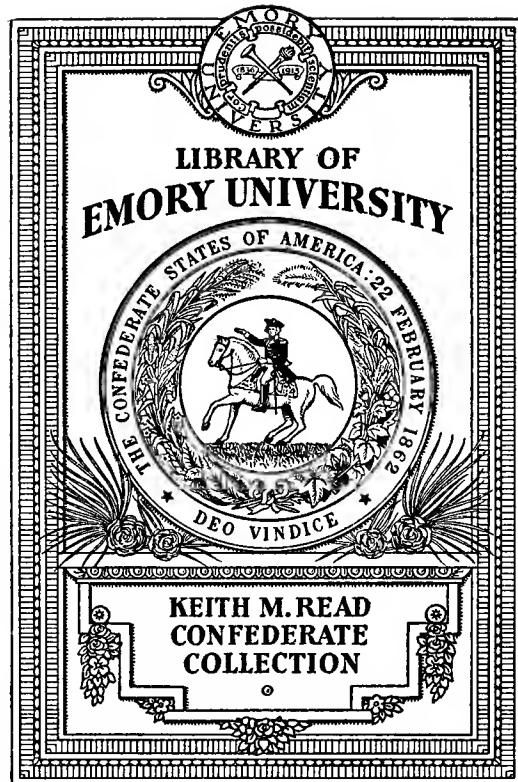
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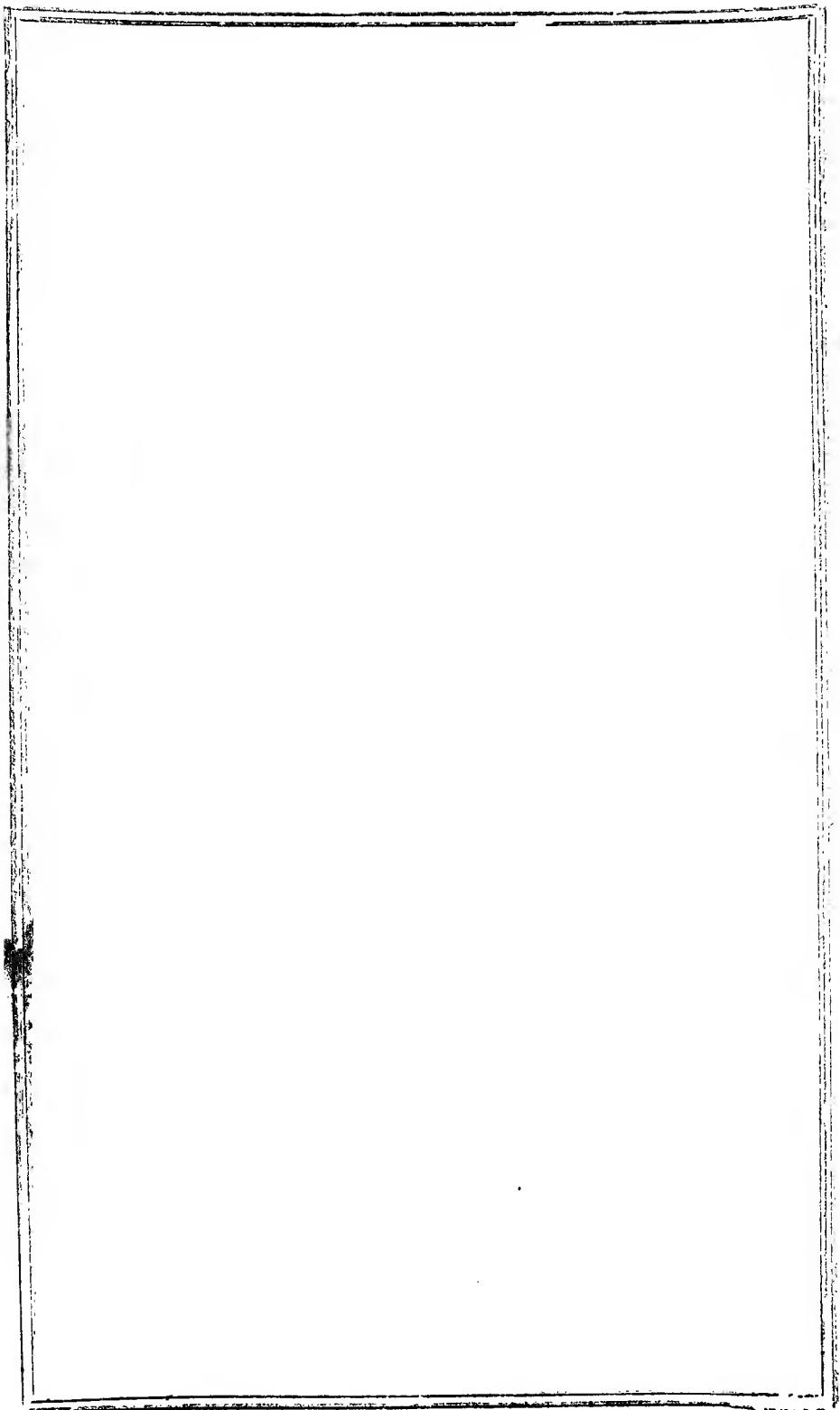
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LICK CREEK MEETING HOUSE, DAVIDSON COUNTY, N. C., }
Friday, August 23^d, 1861 }

The members of the Liberty Association, met according to adjournment. The introductory sermon was delivered by Elder J. B. Jackson, from II. Corinthians, 6th chap. 1 verse: We then, as workers together with him, beseech you also that ye receive not the grace of God in vain.

1. After a short intermission, the members met again. The Association was called to order by Elder A. Kinney, in the absence of the Moderator. Religious service by Elder A. Kinney. Letters handed in; contents noted. (See last page.)

2. The delegates proceeded to elect a Moderator for the present term, which resulted in the choice of J. B. Jackson.

3. On motion, appointed Wm. R. Coggins, Elders Wm. H. Hamner, A. Kinney, with Moderator and Clerk, a committee of arrangements.

4. On motion, appointed S. Newsom and J. H. Owen, a Committee of Finance.

5. On motion, invited Ministering brethren to take seats, when brother A. Yarbrough came forward.

6. On motion, appointed bros. Wm. Owen, S. Newsom, with the delegates of the church, a committee to arrange preaching with Elder A. Kinney during the term.

On motion, adjourned until to-morrow 9 o'clock. Prayer by the Moderator.

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SATURDAY MORNING, August 24.

1. On motion, called on Committee of Arrangements to report. Report received and committee continued.

2. On motion, invited Ministering brethren from sister Associations, when Elder Crutchfield came forward, from Sandy Creek, and Elder R. Gourly, from Bulah, and was cordially received by the Moderator extending the right hand of fellowship.
3. On motion, appointed brethren A. Yarbrough and John Teague, on Sabbath Schools.
4. *On Baptist State Convention*—Elders William Turner and Wm. H. Hamner.
5. *On Bible Publications, Periodicals*—Elders E. Crutchfield and Robert Gourly.
6. *On Colportage*—Wm. R. Coggin, Aquilla Jones.
- On Temperance*—J. H. Owen, Ebenezer Merrell.
7. *On Church Letters*—H. Laugenour and brother Peter Riley.
8. *On Southern Theological Seminary*—Brethren Charles Teague, Wm. H. Hudson and J. B. Jackson, chairman.
9. *On Ministerial Support*—Sampson Newsom, W. Owen and E. H. Davis.
10. *On Education*—Elder Wm. Turner and J. H. Owen.
11. *On Resolutions*—Wm. H. Hamner and R. S. Green.
12. On motion, called for the circular letter, the brother appointed not being present and no letter received from him.
13. Called on correspondent brethren to report, appointed to sister Associations. Elder Wm. Turner attended the Yadkin Association with brother John Teague, and give an interesting account of that body. Brother John Teague attended the Bulah Association, and gave an interesting account of that body, being well pleased with his visit.
14. On motion, appointed corresponding brethren to sister Associations: To Yadkin Association, to commence on Friday before the 1st Sabbath in October; Elder A. Williams, Wm. R. Coggin, S. H. Laugenour, Charles Teague, to Sandy Creek, to commence Friday before the 1st Sabbath in October; Elder Wm. Turner and brethren Wm. J. Hudson, John Hudson, A. Yarbrough and Elder Wm. H. Hamner, to the Pedee on Friday before the 3rd Sabbath in October, held at the Dover church; brethren A. Kinney, Eli Davis and Enoch Davis, to the Bulah Association, to commence on Friday before the 2d Sunday in August, 1862, to be held at Bulah Church, eight miles East of Yanceyville; brethren Wm. Owen, J. H. Owen, Aquilla Jones, A. Yarbrough, John Teague, Elder Wm. Turner and J. B. Jackson.
15. On motion of brother J. H. Owen, the Association

agreed to hold the next annual meeting of this body with the Abbott's Creek Church, near Brown Town, to commence on Friday before the 4th Sabbath in August, 1862.

16. On motion, appointed Elder Wm. Turner to preach the introductory sermon, Elder J. B. Jackson his alternate.

17. On motion, called on delegates to the convention to report. Elder Wm. Turner and Aquilla Jones both attended, with brother J. W. Craven, and gave an interesting account of the convention with their satisfaction in attending the same.

18. On motion, the Association gave way to the Bible Society to meet, at two o'clock, P. M.

19. On motion, agreed to appoint to the committee to arrange preaching during the Sabbath.

20. On motion, called off until 2 o'clock P. M. Prayer by Elder Wm. Turner.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Resumed business.

1. On motion called on Committee of Finance to report; committee reported that they had received from the churches \$22 25; report received and committee discharged.

2. On motion, agreed that the collection to be taken up on Sabbath, be distributed for the use of buying Testaments for the soldiers.

3. On motion, adjourned until Monday morning 9 o'clock. Benediction by the Moderator.

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SABBATH.

The Ministers appointed to occupy the stand, met at 10 o'clock. Elder E. Cutchfield addressed the congregation from Matthew 11 chap. 28, 29, 30th verses: Come unto me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden light.

At 1½ o'clock, by Elder J. B. Jackson, from Psalms 91 and 4th verse: He shall cover thee with his feathers, and under

his wings shalt thou trust ; his truth shall be thy shield and buckler.

At 3 o'clock the audience were addressed by Elder Wm. Turner, from John, 5th chap. and 24th verse : Verily, verily I say unto you, he that heareth my word and believeth on him that sent me hath everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation ; but is passed from death unto life. All of which seemed to be interesting and edifying. As the audience was large and well behaved, no running to and from, but such as becometh any congregation to patronize.

After the 11 o'clock sermon there was a public collection taken up, amounting to \$29 73, to buy testaments and bibles for our soldiers now in the army ; money paid over to the Treasnrer.

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MONDAY MORNING, AUGUST 26, 1861.

1. The Association met according to adjournment, after religious services by the Moderator, and prayer by Elder A. Williams, the Association proceeded to business.

2. On motion, called on the various committees to report.

3. On motion, the committee on Bibles, Publications and Periodicals, called on to report, and after interesting remarks made by brethren, the report was received and committee discharged. (See A.)

4. Treasurer reported the Associational funds for last year to be.

\$32 05

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For Printing Minntes for 1860,	\$25 00
The allowance to the Treashrer,.	. 5 00
For postage paid, &c.,.	25
	— 30 25

Remains on hand, \$1 80

5. On motion, the committee on Ministerial, and committee on Convention and on Education, all given longer time to report, and the Clerk examine said reports, &c.

6. The committee on Colportage reported ; report received and committee discharged. (See B.)

7. On Church Letters reported ; report received and committee discharged. (See C.)

8. Report on temperance received after interesting remarks and committee discharged. (D.)

9. The report on resolutions, after remarks from several brethren, received, and committee discharged. (E.)

10. The report on Sabbath Schools received, and committee discharged. (See F.)

11. *Resolved*, That this Association return its thanks to the community and friends about Lick Creek Church, for the hospitable manner in which they have entertained the Association during its session.

12. On motion, the delegates proceeded to make up the balance of the Associational fund in the following manner viz:

Lick Creek, by her delegates,	\$ 50	Big Creek,	"	"	25
Jersey Church,	"	1 00	Pine M. House.	"	20
Abbott's	"	.50	Reeds & Roads, by W. H. Hamner,	1 00	
Tom's Creek,	"	.20	Marion,		35
High Point	"	.00	Salisbury,		10
Liberty,	"	.50	Thomasville,		50
Holloway's,	"	.50			
New Friendship,	"	.90			\$6 50

13. On motion, appoint the Clerk to superintend printing the Minutes, (500) and distribute as usual.

14. On motion, appoint J. B. Jackson, Wm. Owen, Wm. H. Hamner and A. Williams, a committee to purchase testaments for the soldiers, and report their proceedings to the next annual meeting of this body; A. Williams act as Treasurer, for said committee.

15. On motion, appointed Wm. H. Hamner a delegate to the Baptist State Convention.

16. On motion, this Association adjourn until the time and place. Prayer by Elder Wm. H. Hamner; Benediction by the Moderator.

J. B. JACKSON, MODERATOR.

AZARIAH WILLIAMS, Clerk.

REPORT ON BIBLES, PUBLICATIONS AND PERIODICALS.—(A)

Your committee on Bibles, Publications and Periodicals, beg leave to report: The Bible is the greatest of books, for it is Gods word, therefore it should be read and studied prayerfully. We should suffer no other book to take its place. Other books may give much good instruction, and may be read as helps to the bible, but not in its place. Therefore, we would recommend to our brethren to read and circulate them.

The Biblical Recorder is now in a hard struggle whether it shall stand or fall. Brethren it is our paper, and will we let it go down if we wish it to live? Let us come to its support. Brethren it is too late to give medicine when the patient is dead. The Journal is in like condition, and unless we come to its help it will die. Therefore let us sustain these papers.

R. GOURLY, }
E. CRUTCHFIELD. } Com.

REPORT ON COLPORTAGE.—(B)

DEAR BRETHREN: In view of the rapid spread of error now existing, your committee would recommend this body to employ every means in its power, for the purchase and distribution of religious literature, by employing a colporture or purchasing books of the Southern publications.

Dear brethren, your committee would recommend that if this Association should fail in procuring a colporture, that books be purchased for circulation and placed in the hands of pastors and other ministers who travel and consequently have a better opportunity to visit the mass of the people.

Respectfully submitted,

W. R. COGGIN, Chair'n.

REPORT ON CHURCH LETTERS.—(C)

Your committee regret that it appears that religious inter-

est is at rather a low ebb within our bounds. That instead of the wilderness blossoming as the rose, blight and mildew prevails. How sad, that we cannot report great increase and prosperity among the churches. In view of this fact, let us be humbled before God, and while civil commotion is resulting in the destruction of the lives of our fellow-beings, let us be more faithful in the discharge of our religious duties, that we may be the instruments through Divine assistance in the building up of our beloved Zion, in the advancement of our Redeemer's kingdom upon earth.

Respectfully submitted,

S. H. LAUGENOUR, Chair'n.

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REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.—(D.)

Your committee on Temperance desire to submit the following: Notwithstanding the cause of Temperance is every where admitted to be of great importance, yet it is still too much neglected. Why this is so is a mystery beyond our comprehension. We see on every side the baneful effects of the indulgence in strong drink, yet we fold our arms, shut our eyes, and seem content to leave our youths exposed to the temptations that surround them. Added to all of this, we fear that there are yet in our midst, those who are disposed to traffic with the young, by countenancing the moderate use of strong drink, and even putting to their mouths the bottle. Thus learning them to love what will ruin them, thereby aiding in the destruction of their own and other children. Dear brethren, could we fully see how much the cause of Christ has bled in consequence of our giving so loose a reign to the gratification of their desire to drink, surely we would more than ever discountenance it. In our opinion, much more harm has resulted from christians drinking than drunkards, because the youthful world looks on the conduct of a church member as right, and a drunkard wrong, and while they are following the one, they become the other. We therefore, suggest that our efforts in favor of temperance be more united.

Respectfully submitted,

J. H. OWEN, Chair'n.

REPORT ON RESOLUTIONS.—(E.)

Your committee beg leave to report: *Resolved*, That we, as Baptists, do recommend to the churches, that they use all diligence to keep the doctrines of the Bible pure, and to keep and teach the same in all the ordinances as is found therein, and that we do not recognize any as the church of Christ, that depart from them in word or practice. And for that purpose do recommend the reading of those books and periodicals, such as the Biblical Recorder and Tennessee Baptist.

Respectfully submitted,

WM. H. HAMNER, Chair'n.

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REPORT ON SABBATH SCHOOLS.—(F.)

DEAR BRETHREN: Your committee on Sabbath Schools, beg leave to report: That they highly recommend the Sabbath school, believing it to be the means of religious instruction for the young and rising generation. Dear brethren, if we would have our children, and the children throughout the Association, instructed in the Sabbath school, let us put our shoulders to the wheel and do something more than talk.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

A. YARBROUGH, Chair'n.

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REPORT ON MINISTERIAL SUPPORT.

Your committee regard this as a subject of great importance. Sinners are justified by faith, which "cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God. How shall they hear without a preacher, and how shall they preach except they be sent?"

Though there has been great improvement in many of our churches, in reference to this matter, yet we have reason to fear that generally, it is too much neglected. Who that is a scripture reader, can doubt that it is there plainly taught, that those who preach the gospel shall be supported, either by those to whom they preach, or by the churches which send them forth? As a proof, your attention is directed to 1st. Corinthians, 9th chapter; also Paul's epistle to the Philippians, 4th chapter, from 10th to 20th verses. But we need not urge this point; surely it is plain to all. But if this duty has

been neglected, there is fault somewhere. There can be no doubt, that in a measure, the fault is with the Ministry; they have not taught this duty as plainly and affectionately as they should; but it is not altogether the duty of Ministers to press this matter; it is a business, mainly, of the churches, (see quotations above) and there are officers in the churches, viz: Deacons. Let Deacons, then, remember that this is a part of their duty, not to sustain the Ministry themselves, entirely, but to lay the claims of the poor, sacrificing, toiling, Minister, either publicly or privately, before the membership earnestly yet kindly, and solicit aid according as God hath prospered them. If this is done, talents that are now lying hid, will be brought into active service, and the thirsty land will have springs of water. How can we rightly pray the Lord of the harvest to send laborers, while we neglect our duty in supporting them. Like one of old, our prayers and alms should go up together.

Respectfully submitted,

WM. OWEN, Chair'n.

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REPORT ON THE BAPTIST STATE CONVENTION.

The objects of the Convention are four, viz: State Missions, foreign Missions, the education of poor young men who are called of God and approved by their churches to the work of the gospel Ministry, and Colportage. When we look around us and think of the destitution in our midst, and then cast our eyes in the heathen land, and remember that there are millions of our race in darkness and are destitute of the gospel of Jesus Christ, and that the world is the field in which we are required to labor, we cannot but see and feel the importance of sustaining the Board of the Convention in its operations in disseminating the truth. Let us not fail to be represented, as a body, in the Convention, and we do recommend the churches in future, to send up to the Association funds for that purpose, so as to enable the Association to send her delegates to the convention.

WM. TURNER, Chair'n.

REPORT ON THE THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, in Greenville, S. C., has been erected by and through the prayers and liberality of the great Baptist family South, for the purpose of giving to the young ministers an opportunity of pursuing a Theological course, in order that they may be more useful. Before we had such an institution, some of our ministers had to go to Pedobaptist schools, and thereby the Baptist had too much of the Pedobaptist Theology in their pulpits, but now our ministers may go to our own school and be taught by Baptist who understand the principles and practices of the Baptist; to such a school we would advise the young minister to go and put on the theological armor, then enter the field.

J. B. JACKSON, Chair'n.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BIBLE SOCIETY

SATURDAY, 2 O'CLOCK.

The society met according to adjournment. After remarks by Elder J. B. Jackson, the Treasurer was called on to report, when the following was submitted.

Since our last meeting, there has been but little done by your Treasurer. The funds have not been applied in any way during the last year. The amount is the following:

For last years membership,.	\$19 00
For Bibles sold last year,.	8 30

	\$27 30

There were seven bibles and three testaments given away. There are thirteen bibles and one testament yet in the hands of Pastors not accounted for, and balance yet in my hands.

After which the following officers were elected:

Elder Azariah Williams, President.

Brother Isaac Kinney, 1st Vice President.

“ Isaac A. Park, 2d “ “

Elder Wm. Turner, 3d “ “

J. H. Owen, Secretary and Treasurer.

The following names were then received as life members: Elders Wm. H. Hamner and J. B. Jackson.

ANNUAL MEMBERS.

Brethren S. H. Laugenour,	Acquilla Jones,
W. R. Coggins,	Miss S. E. Jones,
Abram Redwine,	Edward Burage,
C. A. Owen,	Joseph Carrick,
Wm. P. Redwine,	Jacob Sechrist,
W. F. Stoner,	Michael Redwine.
G. F. Smith,	
Funds on hand,	\$27 30
Received this meeting,	7 50
Private individual,	10
Total,	\$34 90

FORMER LIFE MEMBERS.

Elders Azariah Williams,	Brethren J. A. Park,
“ Wm. Turner,	“ Win. H. Wiseman,
“ Benjamin Lanier,	“ Isaac Kinney,
Alexander Delap and Catherine, his wife.	

On motion, adjourned to meet with the Liberty Association at its next meeting on Saturday.

AZARIAH WILLIAMS, Pres't.

J. H. OWEN, Sec'y.

TABULAR VIEW OF THE CHURCHES.

A LIST OF CORDAINED PREACHERS IN THIS ASSOCIATION:

***Note.**—Some of the churches not having made a separation between their Males, white, colored, and also Females, the table cannot be given correct, only as to the total amount.

